

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Samuel K. Taylor, IV,  
recipient of the Discover Card Silver Tribute  
Award.

WHEREAS, each year, after careful consideration, Discover Card Services, in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators, selects Gold, Silver and Bronze Tribute Award winners for excellence in trade and technical studies, arts and humanities or science, and business and technology; and

WHEREAS, winners of these distinguished awards must hold a high grade point average and demonstrate accomplishment in four of the five following areas: leadership, obstacles overcome, unique endeavors, special talents and community service; and

WHEREAS, this year, Tennessee's own Samuel K. Taylor, IV of Whitesburg, because of his natural talents, unflagging commitment, and his extraordinary success in the arts and humanities, was selected to receive the Silver Tribute Award; and

WHEREAS, extremely deserving of this prestigious accolade, Samuel is an outstanding student at Morristown-Hamblen High School East, where he maintains a perfect grade point average of 4.0 and has had numerous other awards conferred upon him; and

WHEREAS, joining the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation, Samuel has been the recipient of the National Modern Woodsman Award, the Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award, the Optimist Youth Award, the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award, the United States Mathematical Award, the United States Student Council Award, the Carson-Newman Algebra Award, and several top district and state forensic awards; he has also been named Junior Orator of the Year, was selected to attend both Boys' State and the National Young Leaders Conference, was runner-up to the Hoby World Leadership Congress, and was runner-

up in both the V.F.W. Voice of Democracy Oratorical Contest and the Holston Electric Essay Contest; and

WHEREAS, a gifted performer, Samuel has appeared in many area theatrical performances including The Wizard of Oz, Our Town, Lil' Abner, Meet Me In St. Louis, and Into the Woods; his musical talent has led him to be a member of the Chamber Choir, where he leads the tenor section; and

WHEREAS, Samuel has also served his fellow students well as an algebra tutor, a member of the student council for three consecutive years, and a Natural Helper, a group of peer counselors devoted to helping others with adolescent problems; he has also excelled as an athlete, lettering in track, tennis and cross-country, and has been a dedicated member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Beta Club throughout his high school career; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's noteworthy achievements are surely a great source of pride for his loving parents, Nancy Taylor Adams and Samuel Kyle Taylor, III; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their intellectual prowess and inner drive have achieved excellence in their academic careers, and it is therefore appropriate that we honor Samuel Taylor for his many achievements, including his most recent award, the Discover Card Silver Tribute Award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend an outstanding young Tennessean, Samuel K. Taylor, IV upon receiving the Discover Card Silver Tribute Award for excellence in the arts and humanities and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.